

coaches after the existing pit line at Kakinada is extended, for which work is in progress.

Upgradation of Nizamuddin Express

1518. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the Railways' long term plans with regard to Nizamuddin Express between Waltair and Nizamuddin;
- (b) whether Railways are aware that this is an important train for the passengers of Coastal Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether Railways would upgrade this only direct train linking Delhi and Coastal Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether it is a fact that this train is usually delayed every day;
- (e) whether this train would be upgraded to make it more attractive and comfortable for people; and
- (f) if so, the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There is no long term plant to change the character of 8561/8562 Nizamuddin-Visakhapatnam Express.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Following 2 more pairs of trains provide direct connection between Visakhapatnam and Nizamuddin and the services do cater to the needs adequately.

1. 8543/8544 Nizamuddin-Visakhapatnam Samata Express (Triweekly) via Nagpur-Raipur-Vizianagaram.
2. 2803/2804 Nizamuddin-Visakhapatnam Swarnajayanti Express (Bi-weekly) via Vijayawada (This is a Superfast Train).

- (d) No, Sir. The punctuality of 8561/8562 Express is generally satisfactory.
- (e) There is no such proposal at present.
- (f) Does not arise.